

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

MEINZER ET AL.

APPLICATION NO:

FILED:

FOR: OIL-FREE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING  
CYCLOSPORIN A

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

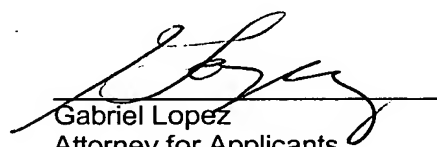
Prior to calculating the filing fee, enter the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are on pages 3 and 4. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are the original claims. Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis  
Corporate Intellectual Property  
One Health Plaza, Building 430  
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

  
Gabriel Lopez  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 28,440  
(862) 778-7882

Date: 2/18/04